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(High-Level Waste Repository: Pre-Application Matters)
Docket No. PAPO-00, ASLBP No. 04-829-01-PAPO

Dear Administrative Judges:

This is to inform you that, effective October 25, 2004, the Commission has blocked public access to all documents related to, among other things, this proceeding, through the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS). Access is also being suspended to documents previously made available by the NRC staff via the Licensing Support Network (<http://lsnnet.gov>). These actions are being taken to enable the Staff to review all documents to remove sensitive unclassified information.

The Staff is moving to complete its review expeditiously so as to restore access to all other documents at the earliest possible time and minimize any disruption to this proceeding. We will keep you and the participants in the above-captioned proceeding informed as this effort progresses.

Sincerely,

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